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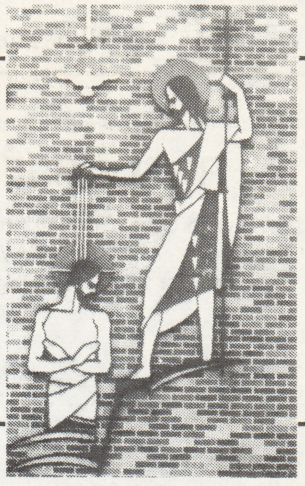


Just A Word ...

SOME BELATED THANK YOUS

Once again we are deeply grateful to all who helped prepare for and celebrate the Christmas season here at St. John's.

Our special thanks to the Hugh Anderson Family for their donation of the beautiful blue spruce tree and the Dan Shemon family for their offer of the other two large trees which have graced our sanctuary for the holiday season.

The Midnight Mass was broadcast over radio station WPAG without flaw. To Mr. Wayne Adair, the station engineer who arranged for the broadcast and to Mr. Barney Hughes and Mr. Pelletier whose firms (Hughes Real Estate and Huron Valley Glass Co.) sponsored the broadcast, a great thank you. Many in their homes heard the glad tidings of Christmas.

Some special plants were donated to the church in addition to the regular order. Mrs. Phyllis Gracie and Mrs. Hazel Ferraro both donated beautiful poinsettias.

To Mr. Richard Wagner and Mr. Leonard Stark of the Moore Memorial Chapel, our continuing thanks for furnishing our parish with the annual religious calendar.

On Sunday, December 29, 1974, those who were present for the 11:00 a.m. Mass saw three families donate special gifts to the Church.

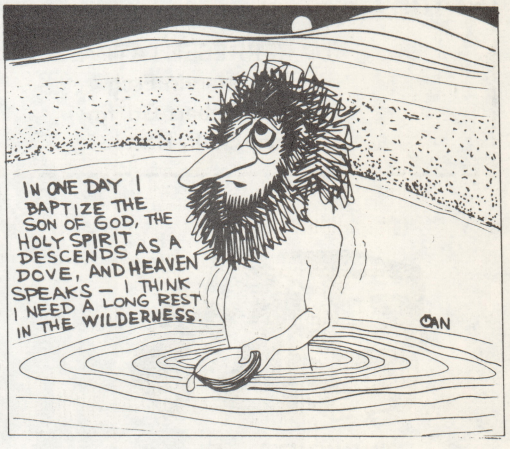
Mrs. Ida Fredericks has donated two new sets of vestments (a green set which you will see next Sunday and a new violet set) in memory of her brother, Riley Aquillo, who died this past year.

Mrs. Mary Pontello and Mrs. Margaret Ceo presented a new leather-bound, gold edged Sacramentary given in memory of their mother, Mrs. Jean Regan who was a former parishioner here.

The Robert Gillman Family presented a new processional cross to our parish in memory of their son and daughter, Kim and Fred who died in an accident last August.

To all of you who continue to gift us with your presence and support, a sincere thank you. Your thoughtfulness calls forth greater dedication from all of us. May God reward your generosity.

--Fr. Harvey



BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12.

The bible uses images
to try to describe God.
Perhaps, like John the Baptist,
we all need a time in the desert
to reflect on what they mean.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY RENEWAL

The official paper of the Lansing Diocese, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY, continues to keep an interested Catholic well informed. Several families in our parish subscribe to this weekly paper. Others pick it up on Sunday in the church. A special subscription envelope for the Catholic Weekly has been included in the January mailing of envelopes. If you would like to subscribe to the Diocesan paper or renew your subscription for another year, please indicate such on the special green envelope.

A five dollar ($5.00) offering is suggested for each subscription. However, if you are unable to offer that amount, please complete the envelope nevertheless and return it during the month of January. The parish will pick up the loose ends. We are interested that you keep informed!

Say it with Roses

As a result of the last year's MARCH FOR LIFE, the red rose has become a symbol of Life throughout our Nation and especially on Capitol Hill. Let your representatives in Washington know of the multitude of their constituents who value the dignity of human beings. Send a simple, dignified Life message through a red rose.

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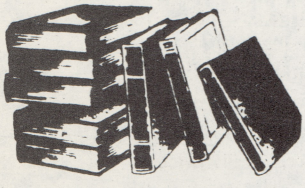

THOUGHTS ... From the Office of Communications...

...52% of Americans favor aid to parochial schools, a Gallup poll indicates. This is a change since 1970 when a Gallup survey indicated that only 48% favored financial help. 76% of Catholics support aid and 44% of Protestants. A higher percentage favored aid to high schools (56%) than to elementary schools (51%).

SOURCE: N C WIRE SERVICE

...Blessed Elizabeth Seton will be canonized on September 14th. She founded the American Sisters of Charity and will be the first native-born canonized saint from the U.S. She was a convert, housewife, parent, and educator. Sisters of Charity have served in the Diocese of Lansing since it was started in 1937. SOURCE: U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NOTES.

...WISDOM IS THE COMB LIFE GIVES US WHEN WE HAVE LOST OUR HAIR!

PARISH NUPTIAL

On Saturday, December 28, 1974, Martina M. Weins of this parish pledged her solemn covenant of marriage with John M. Cook, of Copley, Ohio. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Fr. Albert Kippes, O.M.I., uncle of the groom.

Allen Cook of Akron, Ohio, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Mary Ann Betz, sister of the bride were the main attendants. Bob Weins served as lector for the wedding liturgy. Miss Marie Stachlewitz was the organist; Mrs. Ruth Lorenz was the cantor.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George A. Weins and the late Mr. Weins of 931 Pearl St. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook of Ohio. The newlyweds will reside in Ohio.

Our happy congratulations are extended to Marty and John!

ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th

Next Sunday, January 19th those celebrating their 50th, 40th, and 25th anniversaries will be presented at the 11:00 AM Mass. Father David Harvey will be the main celebrant for these couples who will be renewing their vows as part of the ceremony.

The celebrants are:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frentner - 50 years
Mr. and Mrs. George Grant - 40 years
Mr. and Mrs. James Keegan - 40 years
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul - 40 years
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carroll - 25 years

After the ceremony, all parishioners are invited to the parish hall to congratulate the couples and to have light refreshments.

Mrs. Eileen Tardiff and Mrs. Margaret Meier have made preparations for this event since October; Miss Viola Smith and Mrs. Freda Shock and their helpers will be in charge of refreshments. We are grateful to these women for all their efforts toward this day.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"I'm 15 and my mother locked me out. Can I stay in a foster home?"

"We're worried about our son. He's into drugs."

"My daughter is pregnant...Can you help us?"

These are illustrative of the problems Catholic Social Services works with every day. To maintain this work Catholic Social Services receives generous contributions from the Diocesan Services Appeal and local United Ways. However,

additional funds are necessary if the Agency is to continue its work.

The Catholic Church has always stressed the importance of the virtue of Charity. Today the need for Charity is greater than ever. Hard times have increased the demands on the Agency. This is your opportunity to exercise this great virtue and also help your neighbors who are having these problems.

Your dollars provide skilled professional services for these people. Catholic Social Services -- every month -- helps 1100 families. People continually are being helped with such problems as lack of communication between children and parents, marital strife, drug abuse, personality disturbances, and problem pregnancies. Many are lonely and want to talk with someone. We know your contribution will be generous. And we also ask that you pray for the work of the Agency and for the well-being of its clients.

OUR GOAL -

EVERY PARISHIONER A PAID MEMBER

Please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS - A TIME OF SHARING

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John's Parish gratefully acknowledges the contributions given during the Christmas season.

Once again, the National Honor Society of Ypsilanti High School gave enough food for an adequate Christmas dinner for a needy family of the parish. They also gathered clothes according to the sizes needed for members of this family. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

Members of the Wagner family gave contributions as they received them for singing engagements or for Mass serving, or for gathering food to be given.

Some parishioners left food or gifts to be given to those in need, but did not leave their names so we cannot thank them personally. Indeed we are grateful.

The Buckeye Family gave toys to be distributed as needed. Their thoughtfulness was most appreciated by the happy children who received these gifts.

Mrs. Cecilia Croff urged her pinochle club not to exchange gifts but to give this donation to someone in need. Through their donations they were able to purchase much food, including meats, for a mother and 2 children who were in great need.

The Big Brother-Big Sister group of Catholic Social Services held their Christmas party in St. John's Hall and gave us their tree and trimmings for a family who would be without a tree. This also, Mrs. Croff took to the woman and 2 children who would have been without a tree but for this generosity.

Jack and Chris White gave what they would have spent on a Christmas dinner to a family in the parish since they would be away on vacation.

The L'Amoreaux family were directed to the Goodfellow's Christmas baskets as they were in need to cover the more than 200 families whom they were helping. Other parishioners who did not identify themselves were also directed to the Goodfellows as this group was servicing so many in the city with their efforts. St. John's makes it a point not to give Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets since this group, along with the Salvation Army is ready to cover such needs. It is better that we work through an agency such as this so that some families are not given many baskets while others are not reached. It is our wish to work in conjunction with other agencies in order to cover a larger area of need, especially during the holidays.

St. John's will soon extend an invitation to churches and agencies in the city to meet here and discuss their policies for giving to the poor. Perhaps we can come to a better understanding of what others are doing, and they can be apprised of our policies in order to know what help we are capable of giving.

Again, we say that we are grateful to the many kind thoughts and gifts received for the poor. We can only say that you have been most generous in the past and that we hope that you will not forget others who are constantly in need. May your New Year be blessed abundantly by the Lord in whose name you so generously give.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT
December, 1974

Transportation	.3
Hotel and Meals	.2
Food Given	.9
Bills Paid	.1
Meals on Wheels (1 wk.)	.1
Christmas Dinner Provided	.2
(through courtesy of Ypsi High School National Honor Society and another through a parishioner.)	
Christmas Presents For a family of	.7
Christmas Tree Donation	.1
Fuel Purchased	.1
Rent Partial Payment	.1
Clothing Donated	.2
Funeral Arrangements Made	.1
Referrals Made	.1
Families Given Assistance	.17
Parishioners Helped	.3
Money Spent	$285.31
December Donations	$35.35
December White Elephant	$51.65

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

CATHERINE BARBARA DAVIES, daughter of William and Marjorie (Ortlepp) Davies of 1305 S. Congress, was initiated into the Christian Community of St. John through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, December 29, 1974. Catherine's godparents are John Rodes and Paula Thompson. Proxy godmother is Maryjane Sawyer.

Welcome, Catherine! Congratulations, parents.

With gratitude
we kneel before
the Father
and we pray
that He will
bestow on you
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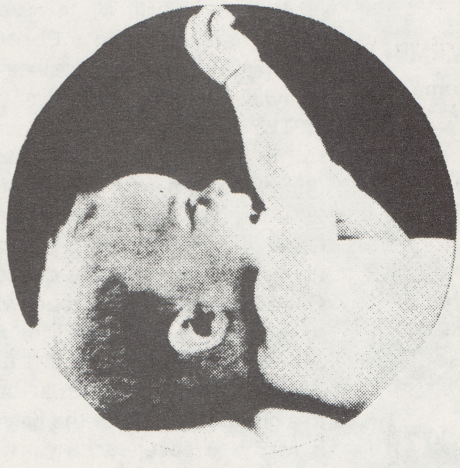
corresponding
to the
richness of
His Glory
and may you
know the
Love of Christ
that surpasses all
knowledge, so
that you may
be filled with
all the fullness
of GOD



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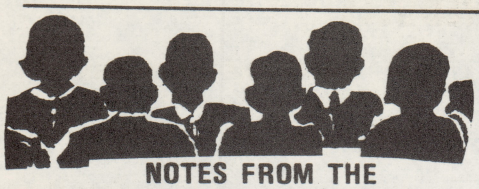

NOTES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

A FAMILY OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCOVERY

In the months of January and February we would like to give you and your family (two or more people sharing relationship to one another or living together) an opportunity to make some discoveries together. We invite you to attend two sessions of family religious education on the following topics:

Sunday, January 26th

SESSION I FAMILY ENCOUNTERING THEMSELVES

Discover: Who are we? What do we want? What do we offer each other?

Sunday, February 16th

SESSION II FAMILY ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Discover: Who do you say I am? Why have I come? What do I offer you?

In a variety of ways we will explore the qualities and attributes of a good relationship, our ideals and our experience of family. We will look at our understanding of who Jesus is in our lives and how his presence/his life is seen or not seen in the ways in which we react, respond to one another. The format for each session is: 10:30 a.m. Peer group sessions, 11:30 a.m. Family sessions, and 12:30 a.m. Sunday Liturgy in the Church.

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PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 22nd. Registration can be made by completing the form below and returning it to the Center or dropping it in the basket at Mass on Sunday. (You are encouraged to participate in both sessions, however you may register for either one alone.)

REGISTRATION

Family .....

Name ..... Indicate age, grade, or adult

.....

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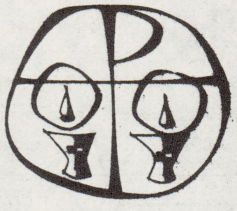
UP-COMING EVENTS OF THE SERVICE COMMISSION

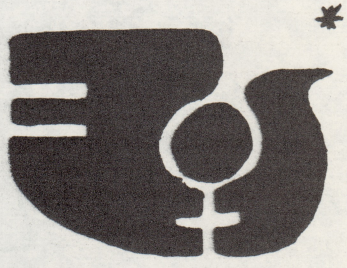
SPAGHETTI DINNER ... to be held on Sunday, January 26th from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. The meal will consist of spaghetti, salad, rolls, and dessert and beverage. The cost will be $2.25 for all you can eat; $1.25 for children who only want half-portions. Under 3 is free. WE HOPE THAT MANY PARISHIONERS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY SINCE WE HAVE SCHEDULED INFREQUENT DINNERS AT YOUR REQUEST.

MARDI GRAS DANCE ... to be held on Saturday, February 8th from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. STARLIGHTERS will be the featured band. Many of you have danced to their music before and know how good they are. A cold buffet will be served from 10:00 p.m. on. The donation is $6.00 per person for an evening of dancing. WE HOPE TO SEE MANY PARISHIONERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH THE RENOVATION DRIVE. We have been able to gain much for the parish this year through the many Service Commission sponsored events...let's make this dance a special one so that we can keep the renovation on its way in style. Tickets will be available at the Coffee and Donut Hours on Sunday, at the Rectory during the week, or call 483-8176.



REPORT FROM EDUCATION COMMISSION

Parents of High School
Juniors and Seniors
Hear
Rev. Cornelius VanderPoel
of
The Detroit Archdiocesan
Family Life Bureau
Professor of Moral Theology,
St. John's Seminary, Plymouth
Author of Pre-Cana materials
in the area of
marriage and sexuality
at
St. Thomas Religious Center
510 Elizabeth Street
Ann Arbor
on
Christian Marriage
Jan. 13, 1975
8:00 p m



PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN

What does society tell us about ourselves?
What is the media image of women - how does it effect us?
What do psychologists (who are mostly men) tell us about women?
Why are more women than men in therapy, in mental hospitals?
What do we experience in and about ourselves?
Who are we? Who are you?

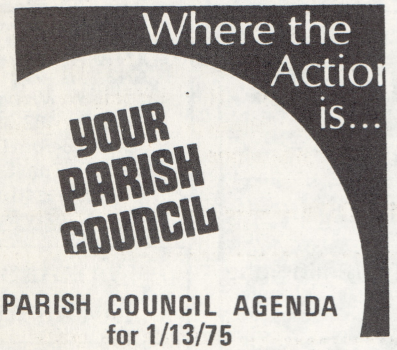
Through directed group discussion and mini-lectures given by the facilitator in this group we shall explore together the feminine self-concept, emotions, and socialization. The Instructors will be Sister Anne Heath and Madeline Reno.

DATES: January 14th to February 11th
TIME: 12:45 to 2:45 (Tuesdays)
CONTACT: Sister Anne Karen Heath, O.P.

*United Nations' emblem for INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, 1975

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Funeral services were held on January 2, 1975 by Father David Harvey for Mr. Harold Handley and Mrs. Laura Wilchak. We ask your continued prayers both for the deceased and for their families. May they rest in peace.



PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA for 1/13/75

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of New Council Member to fill vacancy
3. Appointment of Secretary
4. Approval of December 9, 1974 Minutes
5. COMMISSION REPORTS:
   - A. Administration - Dave Wheeler
     1. Financial Report
     2. Renovation Report
     3. Minutes of Commission Meeting
   - B. Education - Doreen Binder
     1. Teacher Procurement
   - C. Service - Natalie Bowyer
     1. Bake Sale Proceeds Presentation
     2. Spaghetti Dinner Plans
     3. Mardi Gras Dance Plans
     4. Financial Reports for Commission and Bingo
   - D. Worship - Vera Clyne
     1. Sub-Committee Status Reports
6. Old Business:
   - A. Newcomer's List
   - B. Feb. 1 FCC Representative
7. New Business:
8. Adjournment

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 18th
5:00 p.m. Joe Pryce and John Hanrahan
SUNDAY, January 19th
7:00 a.m. Robert Birdsall and Greg White
9:00 a.m. Rob & Jim Eberts
11:00 a.m. Matt Chiodini & Larry Dupuis
12:30 p.m. Frank Williams & Peter Burgard

SCHEDULES

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 13th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sak, req. by Chris & John Thommen
2:30 p.m. - Gerald Dignan, req. by Ann & Bill McCarthy (at Parkview Nursing Home)
TUESDAY, January 14th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Intention of Louise Jaracz, req. by Chris & John Thommen
9:00 a.m. - Mary O'Connor, req. by the Neighbors
WEDNESDAY, January 15th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Intentions of Adam Sac, req by Chris & John Thommen
9:00 a.m. - Marlene Komoroski, req. by The Robleto Family
THURSDAY, January 16th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Genevieve Neville, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Grapp
FRIDAY, January 17th - St. Anthony, abbot
7:00 a.m. - Edward Daniels, 1st Anniv , req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Light
SATURDAY, January 18th - Weekday
9:00 a.m - No Mass or Communion
5:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of Sesi & Rettinger Families, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sesi
6:30 p.m. - Nuptial Mass for Steven B. Wilcoxen and Cynthia L. Clements
SUNDAY, January 19th
7:00 a.m. - Dmytra Fall, req. by Phyllis & Bill Gracie
9:00 a.m. - Louis Slowik, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Givan
11:00 a.m. - Intention of Jubilarians, req. by the Service Commission
12:30 p.m. - Intentions of the Parishioners

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 18th
5:00 p.m ..... Ken Macek
SUNDAY, January 19th
7:00 a.m. ..... Denise Israel
9:00 a.m. ..... Alan Israel
11:00 a.m. ..... Nan O'Hara
12:30 p.m. ..... Dick Wagner

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 18th
5:00 p.m. ..... Phil Stokes
SUNDAY, January 19th
7:00 a.m ..... Clem Budinger
9:00 a.m. ..... Don Racine
11:00 a.m. ..... John Thomas
12:30 p m. ..... Pete Parin

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, January 18th
5:00 p.m. ..... Gerard Wideman
SUNDAY, January 19th
9:00 a.m. ..... Gene Butman
11:00 a.m. ..... Ruth Goodridge
12:30 p.m. ..... Vera Clyne

USHER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 18th
5:00 p.m. B. Hughes, W. Jackson, D. Jacques, T. Kulback, V. Quigley
SUNDAY, January 19th
7:00 a.m. T. Weber, D. Cannon, P. O'Hara, D. Nowling
9:00 a.m. I. Egbert, E. Herbert, L. Husse, S. Meier, C. Parsons
11:00 a.m. W. McCarthy, D. Rocha, M. Conlon, H. Holdridge, V. Calianno
12:30 p.m. F. Koss, L. Gregory, P. L'Amoreaux, F. Wahla, M. Welch

BABYSTITTING SCHEDULE
January 19, 1975

9:00 a.m. Dorothea Madigan, Margaret Madigan and Kelly Madigan
11:00 a.m. Carol Briggs, Janet Briggs, Robyn Ouellette and Sue Koch

WEDDING BANNS

III Steven Wilcoxin and Cynthia Clements

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

January is a time for reflection ... a time to determine whether we have given fair measure in the year ended.

If we can picture Christ standing beside us: If we can hear ourselves saying: "Lord, this is the account of my stewardship for 1974 ... This is what I have given ... This is my measure for all you gave me in talent, life, income, the goods of this world." If we can put this together, then our support is real, our charity sound.

Those who simply choose not to support the parish ... we don't know how to appeal to them. We do suggest that, after they review their own reasons for not wanting to give, they ask, "What does God want?

We are grateful to so many "good stewards" in our Parish.

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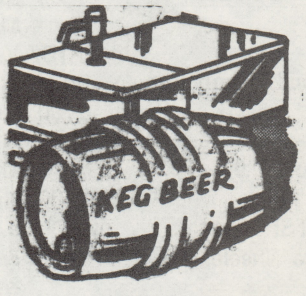

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